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In re application of
Charles J. Zapiec et al.
Application No. 10/701,056
Filed: November 4, 2003
For: PROFESSIONAL TIME TRACKING
AND RECOUPING SYSTEM AND
SOFTWARE

DECISION ON REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the request filed on January 11, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission to withdraw as the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. Besides giving due notice to his or her client and delivering to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled as specified under 37 CFR 10.40, approval of such a request requires that the following conditions be met:

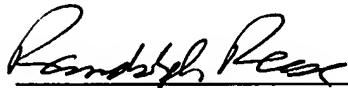
- A) Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another, because the Office does not recognize law firms;
- B) A proper reason for the withdrawal as enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40(b) or subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c) must be provided; and
- C) If withdrawal is requested in accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(c) above, there must be at least 30 days between approval of the withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for

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a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The request to withdraw as attorney in the above-identified application is not approved because the request does not comply with Item A).

The attorneys listed on the original declaration do not match those appointed in Customer No. 30332. The names listed in the Power of Attorney filed December 19, 2003 were Thomas Champagne and Jennifer Meredith. The attorneys listed for Customer No. 30332 are Jonathan Schafrann and Jennifer Meredith.

It is suggested that the request be resubmitted and that such request specifically state "the signing attorney is signing on behalf of all attorneys of record in this application. There is a box on the form that can be checked indicating this.



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